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# Higher Education Futures Australia:

## Rehabilitating Elephants & Higher Education

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# ELEPHANTS

- Elephants are threatened and in decline.
- Destruction of natural habitats is a serious problem.
- There is intense friction about the role and function of elephants.
- Worldwide, elephants are protected and conservation efforts are in place.



# “Higher Education”

Thank you to  
Susan Foster-  
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for sharing their  
photos of  
elephants.

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Elephants are threatened and in decline.

## Elephants



## Higher Education

- MOOCs
- Private Providers
- Ivory Tower Thinking



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is a serious problem.

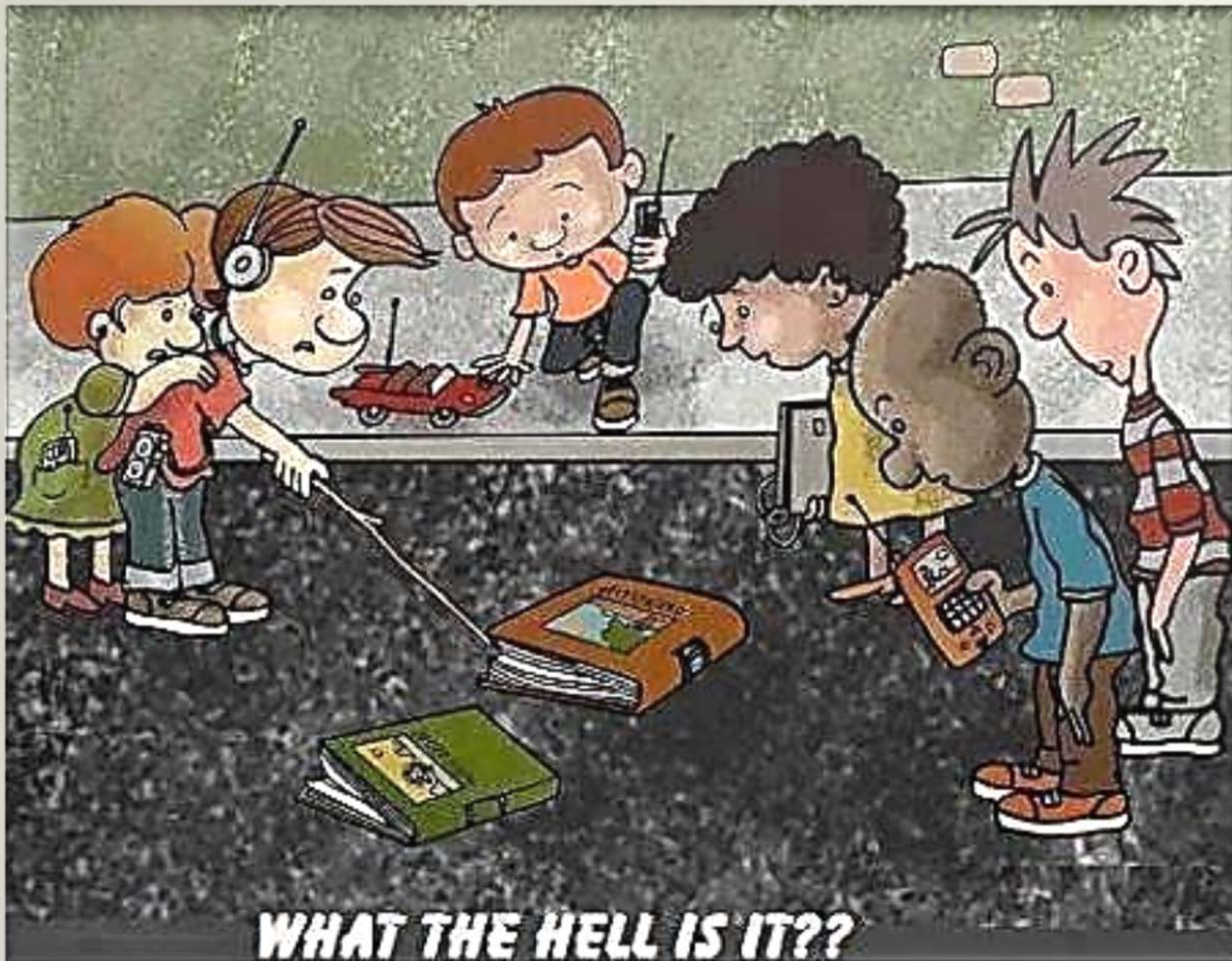
## Elephants



## Higher Education

The proposed federal budget "contains the biggest reform of our higher education system in 30 years."

Honourable  
Christopher Pyne,  
May 2014



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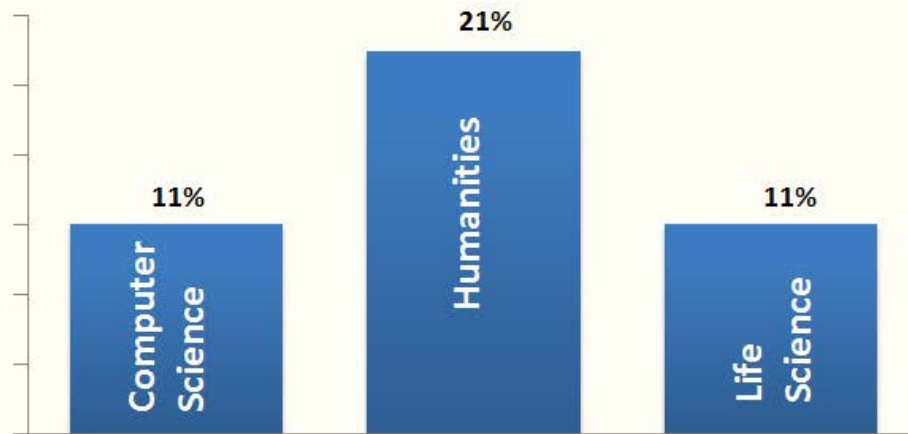


## Higher Education

Bradley Review 2008  
“produces graduates  
with the knowledge,  
skills & understandings  
for full participation in  
society as it anticipates  
and meets the needs of  
the Australian and  
international labour  
markets”

# Employer Perspectives

## DISCIPLINES LIKELY TO HIRE FROM

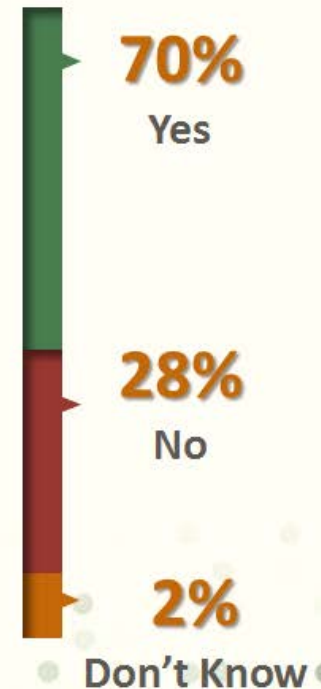


**Twenty-four (45% of)** employers ticked one to four of the generalist disciplines



Employers were asked to tick the disciplines from which they have or are likely to employ graduates

## ARE THE JOBS DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE DISCIPLINE



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## Elephants



## Higher Education

"I want Australia to have THE BEST higher education system in the world."

Honourable  
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# JOHN GODFREY SAX

*So oft in theologic wars,  
The disputants, I ween,  
Rail on in utter ignorance  
Of what each other mean,  
And prate about an Elephant  
Not one of them has seen!*





## Survey Questions About Strategies



# Strategies

Strategies	Students	Graduates	Educators	Employers
Capstone/Final semester project				
Careers advice & employment skill development	<b>59%</b>		<b>64%</b>	
Extra-curricular activities			<b>65%</b>	<b>60%</b>
International exchanges				
Mentoring				
Networking		<b>52%</b>	<b>51%</b>	
Part-time employment	<b>53%</b>	<b>53%</b>		
Portfolios, profiles & records of achievement				
Professional association memberships/engagement			<b>54%</b>	
Social media/networks				
Volunteering		<b>50%</b>		<b>53%</b>
Work experience/ internships/ placements	<b>74%</b>	<b>74%</b>		<b>87%</b>





# FOUR TEACHING STANDARDS

A background image showing a man in a cap and light-colored shirt standing next to a large elephant in a park-like setting. The man is looking towards the camera, and the elephant is standing next to him. The image is slightly faded to allow the text to be read.

1. Explicit learning outcomes must be clearly articulated and shared with the students.
2. Teachers are required to plan, coordinate and supervise student learning activity.
3. Assessment is to be understood as the primary driver of learning.
4. Students require immediate and specific feedback.





# uniteachingcriteria.edu.au

1. Design and planning of learning activities.
2. Teaching and supporting student learning.
3. Assessment and giving feedback to students on their learning.
4. Developing effective learning environments, student support and guidance.
5. Integration of scholarship, research and professional activities with teaching and in support of student learning.
6. Evaluation of practice and continuing professional development.
7. Professional and personal effectiveness.

# Universal Design for Learning



- Multiple Means of Representation
- Multiple Means of Engagement
- Multiple Means of Expression





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Facebook.

"What about Instagram?"







The current climate of higher education change is an opportunity to rehabilitate the elephants of higher education.



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